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June 30, 2006

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R §

54.314 and Telecommunications Act § 254(e)

Federal Communication Commission CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC"), on behalf of its member companies, hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") verifying that the individual SCTC member companies shown on the attached list are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached are company specific affidavits attesting to the fact that Federal Universal Service Funds will be used as intended in compliance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC's rules require that, in order for carriers to receive the federal support for which they are eligible, state commissions must file an annual certification with USAC and the FCC stating "that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers [rural incumbent local exchange carriers and competitive carriers classified as eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in an area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier] will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. These certifications must be submitted by the state commission prior to October 1 of each year in order for the companies to receive the full federal funding for which they are eligible. Id.

The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC certifying that SCTC's individual member companies are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act.

Federal high cost support is administered by USAC. USAC has contracted with NECA to assist in data collection necessary for the remittance of universal service funds. Thus, each of

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South Carolina's rural LECs submits, no less frequently than annually, detailed information requested by NECA in the USF data collection process. The information that is submitted by rural carriers must be attested to by the companies. Further, NECA and its auditors must attest to the validity and integrity of NECA's process. The information provided in response to all of the universal service fund mechanisms utilizes FCC accounts for regulated costs and must be in compliance with FCC rules in Parts 32, 36, 54 and 64.

Given the existing checks and balances, along with the fact that the certification is prospective in nature (i.e., the certification filed in October is for the following calendar year), the SCTC believes that self-certification from South Carolina's rural LECs is appropriate, and that the Commission may rely on such certification. The SCTC believes that safeguards are already in place, including audits of the information that is submitted to USAC and the FCC, to ensure that the basis for the calculation of the funds is appropriate.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. The timing is critical, because if certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2006, federal support for universal service in the areas served by the rural carriers within South Carolina will not be provided for at least the first quarter of 2007. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(d). The SCTC respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavits as self-certification that the companies are in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2006, notifying them that the SCTC member companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R § 54.314.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this matter or if we can provide anything further.

Very Truly Yours,

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Margaret M. Fox

cc: C. Dukes Scott, Esquire
Joseph M. Melchers, Esquire
James E. Spearman, Ph.D.
Company representatives (See Distribution List)

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ATTACHMENT A

NAME OF COMPANY	STUDY AREA NUMBER
Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.	240512
Chesnee Telephone Company	240515
Chester Telephone Company	240516
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240520
Fort Mill Telephone Company	240521
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.	240523
Home Telephone Company, Inc.	240527
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240528
Lancaster Telephone Company	240531
Lockhart Telephone Company	240532
McClellanville Telephone Company	240533
Norway Telephone Company	240535
Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240536
Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240538
PBT Telecom, Inc.	240539
Ridgeway Telephone Company	240541
Rock Hill Telephone Company	240542
Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240546
St. Stephen Telephone Company	240544
West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	240550
Williston Telephone Company	240551

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: BLUFFTON TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240512

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is William Oglesby. I am employed by Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William Oglesby

Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 26th day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

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My Commission Expires:

1-31-2010

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF SPARTANBURG

COMPANY: Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240515

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Hannah A. Lancaster. I am employed by Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its President. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chesnee Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Hannah A. Lancaster

President

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Annette Williams

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: August 7, 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: CHESTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240516

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is J. Brian Singleton. I am employed by Chester Telephone Company as its President & CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Chester Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John Snefets John Singleton President & CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 23ro day of June 2006.
James Dahl
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
JANECE T. DAHNKE
Printed Name of Notary
My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG

COMPANY: FARMERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240520

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>John L. McDaniel</u>. I am employed by <u>Farmers Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

John L. McDaniel
Chief Executive Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Sarah Brannon Wilson Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: ○◆○8/○ヿ

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: FORT MILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240521

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Fort Mill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Fort Mill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal highcost support it receives during 2007; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

Matthew L. Dosch

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22nd day of June, 2006.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa H. Grant
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

COMPANY: HARGRAY TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240523

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is William Oglesby. I am employed by Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") as its Chief Financial Officer. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Hargray Telephone Company, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

William Oglesby
Chief Financial Officer

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 26th day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1-31-20/0

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF BERKELEY

COMPANY: HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240527

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>WILLIAM S. HELMLY</u>. I am employed by <u>HOME TELEPHONE</u> <u>COMPANY, INC</u>. (the "Company") as its <u>PRESIDENT</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

WILLIAM S. HELMLY PRESIDENT

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20th day of June 2006.

Debra D. McGriff

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9-28-2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HORRY

COMPANY: HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240528

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>M. O'NEAL MILLER, JR.</u>. I am employed by <u>HORRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>COMPANY</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Chief Executive - Financial Operations

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of June 2006.

Nancy V. Moore

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 11-17-2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: LANCASTER TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240531

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 5. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Lancaster Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 6. Lancaster Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Matthew L. Dosch

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22nd day of June, 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Thereca W. Crant

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9 17 2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: LOCKHART TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240532

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is J. Brian Singleton. I am employed by Lockhart Telephone Company as its President & CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Lockhart Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

J. President & CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 23_{RD} day of June 2

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JANECE T. DANNEE

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240533

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. McClellanville Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Senior Vice President

Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14th day of June, 2006.

Irmgard F. Metz

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240535

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Norway Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Senior Vice President

Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14th day of June, 2006.

Irmgard F. Metz

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LEXINGTON

COMPANY: PBT TELECOM, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240539

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is L.B. Spearman. I am employed by PBT Telecom, Inc.. (the "Company") as its Vice President and CRO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PBT Telecom, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

L.B. Spearman

Vice President and CRO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 215% day of Jule 2006.

Chery L. K. Trostle
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: April 24, 2010

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF COLLETON

COMPANY: PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240536

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is H.J.DANDRIDGE, III. I am employed by PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. (the "Company") as its CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. PALMETTO RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

H. J. DANDRIDGE, III
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 21 day of June, 2

Alice B. Webster

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 3-13-2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF LAURENS

COMPANY: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240538

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is <u>Randal J. Odom</u>. I am employed by <u>Piedmont Rural Telephone</u> <u>Cooperative, Inc.</u> (the "Company") as its <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. <u>Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</u> hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Randal J. Odom

Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20 day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Jennifer C. Murphy

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 80009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTER

COMPANY: RIDGEWAY TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240541

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is J. Brian Singleton. I am employed by Ridgeway Telephone Company as its President & CEO. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Ridgeway Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

J. Brian Singleton President & CEO

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 23_{RD} day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

JANECE T. DAHNKE

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1/28/2014

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

COMPANY: ROCK HILL TELEPHONE COMPANY

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 2405442

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 3. My name is Matthew L. Dosch. I am employed by Rock Hill Telephone Company (the "Company") as its Vice President of External Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 4. Rock Hill Telephone Company hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007; including Local Switching Support, Long Term Support, Safety Net Additive Support, and High Cost Loop Support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Matthew L. Dosch

Vice President of External Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22nd day of June, 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Theresa W. Crant Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 9/17/2011

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

COMPANY: SANDHILL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240546

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Irvin B. Williams. I am employed by Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Sandhill Telephone Cooperative Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Irvin B. Williams
General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 20 day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Kaymond H. Frsher
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 0 th. 30, 2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
•) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240544

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. St. Stephen Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Senior Vice President

Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14th day of June, 2006.

Irmgard Metz

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Abbeville

COMPANY: West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240550

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David J. Herron. I am employed by West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.. (the "Company") as its General Manager. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

David J. Herron General Manager

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 19th day of June 2006.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

Claudie C. Bruce
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: 1-13-2010

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss
COUNTY OF DANE)

COMPANY: Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom

STUDY AREA NUMBER: 240551

PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME the undersigned WHO, BEING

DULY SWORN, deposed and said:

- 1. My name is Kevin G. Hess. I am employed by TDS Telecommunications Corporation, parent company of Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom (the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Government & Regulatory Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.
- 2. Williston Telephone Company, d/b/a TDS Telecom hereby certifies that it will use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kevin G. Hess

Senior Vice President

Government & Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 14^{11} day of June, 2006.

Irmgard F Metz

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 10, 2007